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Tours

Tours of the hon. the Minister for Development.

* 345 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the tours the hon. Minister undertook since the beginning of this year, the places which he visited and the nature of the official work which he did in those places;

(b) whether he did any party or propaganda work during those tours; and

(c) if so, whether he paid for those parts of the tours from his own pocket, and if not, why not?

A.—(a) North Arcot, Tanjore, Ramnad, Coimbatore, Tinnevelly, South Arcot, Kurnool and Trichinopoly districts.
Inspections, interviews, addresses and attendance at conferences in connexion with the departments of Government, particularly those in his charge.

(b) & (c) No.

Education

Staff and expenditure on the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane.

*346 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what amount the Government spend on the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane;

(b) who manages the hostel;

(c) how many members form the establishment;

(d) whether they are all paid by Government; and

(e) what their salaries are?

A.—(a) & (c) to (e) The information desired is not available. It will be called for.

(b) The Ice House Hostel (formerly known as the Widows' Home) is under Government management.

Alleged infirmity of the Matron of the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane.

*347 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Brahman members of the establishment of the Widows' Hostel in Triplicane are relatives of the Superintendent;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Matron suffers from an incurable disease, gout in both her legs and can hardly walk, and if so, why she is allowed to continue in service; and